

Proposed Bill No. 5796

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: REP. SHARKEY, 88<sup>th</sup> Dist.

## AN ACT CREATING A COMMISSION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to replace the Indian Affairs
- 2 Council with a twenty-two member Commission on American Indian
- 3 Affairs, to transfer the council's duties to the commission, and to
- 4 require the commission to promote unity and understanding among
- 5 American Indian people and communities of the state and serve as a
- 6 liaison between the American Indian people and tribal governments,
- 7 municipal and private sector entities, non-American Indian citizens,
- 8 federal agencies, and the legislative and executive branches of state
- 9 government.

## Statement of Purpose:

To replace the existing Indian Affairs Council with a twenty-two member Commission on American Indian Affairs, and to transfer the council's duties to the commission.